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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors: Yoshihiro SATO
Serial No.: 09/242,561

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Examiner: Forman, B.

For: Method for Retaining Minute
Droplet, Reacting and Reaction Vessel

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), thus extending the time for responding to the Office Action up to, and including, October 5, 2002. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee for a one-month extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600. It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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